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MEDIA ADVISORY

City of Chattanooga Receives \$25 Million RAISE Grant to Replace and Improve Wilcox Bridge

Chattanooga, Tenn. (Thursday, August 11) — Members of the media are invited to join elected officials and honored guests for a special announcement on the City's receipt of a \$25 million federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) grant to replace and improve the Wilcox Boulevard Bridge.

Located over the Norfolk Southern DeButts Railyard, the 70-year old bridge has deteriorated to the extent that it can no longer support emergency vehicles or freight trucks, causing delayed response times for first responders trying to reach the historic east Chattanooga community and increasing the burden on the city's local logistics and transportation industry.

Speakers and honored guests will gather onsite at the Wilcox Boulevard Bridge to share the City's plans for the replacement structure and celebrate the enormous economic, health, and social benefits the historic investment will provide the community for decades to come.

- **Who:** The following individuals will provide remarks:
 - State Representative Yusuf Hakeem
 - Robert Rodgers, Tennessee Department of Transportation
 - Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly
 - County Commissioner Warren Mackey
 - City Councilwoman Marvene Noel
 - Connor Spielmaker, Norfolk Southern
- **What:** Remarks and celebration of the City of Chattanooga's receipt of a \$25 million federal grant to replace Wilcox Boulevard Bridge
- **Where:** Wilcox Boulevard Bridge, at the top of the ramp leading down into Norfolk Southern DeButts Railyard. **Parking will be available on Wilcox Boulevard Bridge in a lane closure.**
- **When:** August 12, 2022, at 11 am ET

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